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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are submitted herewith. The Examiner is kindly requested to consider these references during the examination of the above-identified application, making the references of record, and to return an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A to the below-signed agent. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the submission of the present information is not to be construed as an admission that such information is, or is considered to be material to patentability. Since Form PTO/SB/08A is being submitted after the first office action but before a final office action it is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (c) (2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 17 (p) is enclosed.

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